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Column One
By David Courtney

THE House of Representatives has more than doubled last year's cut in the Administration's Foreign Aid Programme: over $1,000m., or roughly 25 per cent of the total asked for, has been stripped from the programme sent to Congress by the President. If the senators approve the cuts, Mr. Truman and Mr. Acheson may be expected to have some hard and alarming things to say. They have said some of them already. And according to Mr. Rayburn, one outcome of Congressional meanness will be to give the Russians a chance to take the lead in the atomic armament race. There is no need to take such statements very seriously. The difference represented by a cut of $2,000m. is not the difference between success and failure should the West be called upon to fight the East. It may mean the difference between stable and unstable government in certain West European countries which have counted upon an extra 2, 3, 4, or 500 million dollars to tide them over the lean season ahead.

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WHAT the House of Representatives may have overlooked is the fact that a 25 per cent reduction in foreign aid is serious enough to affect the capacity of the U.N. to lead what is commonly called the free world. Such leadership derives from power and the exercise of the power not through harangue and diplomacy but through the suffusion of a large part of it, in the form of economic and military aid, among the nations ready to accept American leadership. Mr. Acheson put it quite simply the other day: "We must develop policies and programmes which are broad enough to include the interests of those whom we want to associate with us... We cannot dictate; we cannot dominate." He might have added that the interests of those "whom we want to associate with" — that is, to lead — are largely economic in practice; and that even with some of the larger, economically complex, countries, $100m. one way or the other may make the whole difference — the whole difference to political stability and therefore to national cohesion and therefore to the ability of the affected country to follow the American lead.

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THE U.S. Congress is an aggregate of many extraordinary interests. All of them have in common an almost unreasoning detestation of Soviet Russia and what Soviet Russia represents. It follows from this that they also have in common a strong desire to see Europe armed and accoutred to meet what they believe to be the Russian threat. They know very well that Europe is in no position to bring that about by its own unaided effort. "One basic fact which stands out, and around which we must build our thinking," said the Secretary of State, "is that no combination of powers which does not include the U.S. is adequate to deal with Soviet power and Soviet ambitions." What they do not seem to realize is that the aid so far given to Europe has not been enough to heal the wounds of two world wars, to rebuild a shattered industry, to restore the broken nerves of a confused and disillusioned group of peoples, or to establish a world system that would give the impoverished nations a chance to buy and sell freely and so contribute reasonably to their own rehabilitation.

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IT is natural enough for Americans to chafe at the apparent generosity of the Administration towards inefficient and perhaps unreliable foreigners. But the need for that generosity has been brought about not by Soviet Russia alone. It has also been brought about by America's own response to Soviet Russia. West Europe lies between the two. In the event of war it will become the battlefield. In the long run, therefore, it may, once again, have to pay immeasurably more than the U.S. for the freedom it is being asked to defend.

Tel Aviv, May 25

Egypt Reported Lifting Suez Canal Blockade

Ships bound for Israel through the Suez Canal will no longer be molested following the lifting of the Egyptian Government's blockade, in force since early 1948, the Arab News Agency reported from Alexandria.

According to the Agency, the Director-General of the Egyptian Customs Department announced that neither ships nor cargo bound for Israel through the Suez Canal would in future be touched as long as they do not carry contraband.

In Tel Aviv last night, the Foreign Ministry said it had no news of the reported lifting of the anti-Israel blockade.

Byroade Confers With Israel and U.N. Leaders

Mr. Henry Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and African Affairs in the U.S. State Department, spent a busy first day in Israel yesterday, conferring with Israel and U.N. leaders.

Crossing the lines from the Old City at Mandelbaum Gate in an American Consulate car, Mr. Byroade, who is on a tour of North Africa and the Middle East, was welcomed by the District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, and Foreign Ministry officials.

Almost immediately after driving into the city he went into conference with the outgoing Minister of Finance, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, and the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Dov Josef. Later, he met Major General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff.

Mr. Byroade was the luncheon guest in Jerusalem of U.S. Consul-General Roger Tyler. Among those present were Dr. Biran and Aluf Moshe Dayan.

In the afternoon, he left for Tel Aviv to meet the Prime Minister. He paid a courtesy call at the Tel Aviv home of Mr. Ben Gurion and was later entertained to dinner at the American Ambassador's in Ramat Gan, which the Prime Minister and the Chief of Staff attended.

Army Rule Will Continue—Shishakly

DAMASCUS, Saturday (Reuter). — The Syrian Army will continue to rule the country—for five or ten years if necessary—until civilian authority "can be entrusted with power" Colonel Shishakly, Chief of Staff, said in an interview with the French language Lebanese paper "Orient," yesterday.

The Government, he said, was concerned with establishing a unified national progressive party sufficiently mature to rule the country with democratic principles. He described the present regime as "transitional."

Abdul Illah Feted On Return to Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Saturday (AP).— Prince Regent Abdul Illah was given a State reception today on his return from London and Spain. Premier Nuri e-Said, President of the Senate Jamil Madfai, and Dr. Fadheli, who accompanied the Regent, were among the party.

Soviet Note Charges Persia With Violation Of Treaty

LONDON, Saturday. — The Soviet Union, in a formal note, has accused the Iranian Government of cooperating with the U.S. to carry out "aggressive" plans against the U.S.S.R. and charged Premier Mossadegh of placing the Army "under the control of the U.S."

Handed by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky to the Iranian Ambassador in Moscow, the note points to the reactivation of the U.S. military mission in Iran following an exchange of letters between Dr. Mossadegh and Ambassador Loy Henderson. "These actions ... cannot but be viewed as being incompatible with the provisions of the Soviet-Iranian Treaty of 1921.

Commenting on the charges, a State Department spokesman said that military aid to Persia did not in any sense violate the Soviet-Persian Agreement of 1921, and accused the Russians of attempting to intimidate the Persians.

The 1921 agreement is outdated since it was designed, at the time, to prevent the use of Persia as a base for the the return of Czarism to Russia, the spokesman added.

MOSSADEGH PREDICTS

TEHERAN, Saturday (UP). — Premier Mossadegh said on Thursday that serious unrest and perhaps a Communist attempt to seize power may sweep the country after his scheduled resignation.

He said in an interview that he was determined to quit after the World Court hearings on the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute early next month, whatever the cost.

"I shall never sign any agreement which is against the independence of my country. If such agreements must be signed, let someone else do it. I will step aside with a clear conscience", he said.

CoL Agreement Expected Today

TEL AVIV, Saturday — The cost-of-living allowance agreement between the Manufacturers' Association and the Histadrut Trades Union Department, is expected to be signed here tomorrow.

According to the agreement another IL.9.000 will be added to the monthly C.o.L. allowance as from May 16.

The Manufacturers' Association delayed the signing of the agreement in order to clarify first the Government attitude to the new practice of adjusting the C.o.L. allowances every month, instead of every three months as had been the rule for the past 12 years; they also wished to know whether the increased wages would be taken into consideration when fixing new prices for commodities. A spokesman of the Association told *The POST* yesterday the Government "seemed to take a realistic view," and that there was likely to be no obstruction in the way to signing the agreement.

P.M. at Inauguration Of Second Givat Haim

NATHANYA, Saturday. — In the presence of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, Agriculture Minister Levi Eshkol and Histadrut Secretary-General Mordecai Namir, a second Givat Haim settlement in Emek Hefer was inaugurated yesterday.

The settlement, adjoining the original Givat Haim, comprises 600 Mapai members who had split from the Mapam members in Givat Haim and Kfar Szold.

Mr. Ben Gurion said that he was opening the new kibbutz with joy mixed with sorrow, since the new settlers were old timers who, after 20 years of pioneering, now had to begin anew.

Mr. Eshkol said that he saw in the new kibbutz a revival of settlement on the land, which had been on the decline recently. He added that he hoped for many new settlements to come into being shortly.

Mr. Namir declared that the Histadrut considered the establishment of new farms by Mapai members who could not get along with Mapam majorities as the best solution to their problem.

During the ceremony, a military plane pilot, who was a member of Givat Haim, circled overhead, dropping flowers and congratulatory messages.

Algerians Clash With Police in France

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — One North African was killed and many were injured on both sides, seven seriously, in clashes in French towns yesterday between police and North Africans demonstrating against the deportation to France of Algerian nationalist leader Messali Hadj Hadjy.

The death occurred in a clash as workers were leaving the Peugeot motor works at Montreliard, eastern France. North Africans threw stones and police replied with tear gas bombs.

The police chief of Charleville, near the Belgian border, was stabbed twice in the stomach and another senior police officer received a bullet wound in the chest when about 800 Algerians fought for an hour with police. About 30 police and Arabs were injured.

At Le Havre a policeman was taken to hospital with a severe knife wound in the back after the police tried to stop a fight between North Africans parading after a protest meeting and passers by. Ten demonstrators were slightly injured.

In the station at Havre, 200 North Africans overturned a police van which overtook them as they were marching to the town hall, and disarmed and beat up the seven policemen inside. Three of the policemen were in a Lons hospital last night in a critical condition.

In Marseilles about 70 North Africans were detained in different parts of the city for refusing to move on.

NO WORKLESS FROM N.E.P. IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Saturday. — The general unemployment, feared to follow implementation of the NEP, has failed to materialise here, Labour Exchange officials told the press yesterday.

The daily average of 842 jobseekers in the first quarter of this year is only 122 more than the daily average in the same period last year. Of the 1,000 unemployed registered today at the local Labour Exchange, moreover, approximately 600 are physically handicapped and present special placement difficulties.

Shirk Hard Work

Though private construction, luxury industry, the Port and the Army have laid off a number of workers lately, the officials said, there are still many jobs available; but it is not easy to find the men willing to take jobs involving hard work.

There is not, as yet, any national plan for the transfer of unemployed persons to agriculture, the officials stated.

Communist POW's Agree to Behave

KOJE ISLAND, Saturday — Rebellious Communist prisoners bowed today to the new U.N. "get tough" policy and began hauling down their illegal flags and taunting banners.

A spokesman for the prisoners assured Brig.-Gen. Haydon Boatner, the camp's new commander, that they were now "willing to obey orders."

General Mark Clark had asked the commandant yesterday to obtain "uncontested control" of defiant prisoners. Communist action appeared voluntary — in face of a show of force by U.S. paratroopers and newly arrived British Commonwealth troops.

The U.S. Army late today confirmed reports that there had been a third riot in the Koje island prisoner camp in South Korea on April 10.

The reports said that four South Korean guards and three North Korean Communist prisoners were killed and 57 Communist injured in the riot.

On February 18, 78 prisoners and one U.S. guard were killed and 135 prisoners and 23 Americans injured in a riot of 1,500 prisoners on the island. The riot on March 13 claimed 12 prisoners killed and 26 injured.

Advance parties of British and Canadian troops arrived at the prison island of Koje off South Korea today to help restore order among the 80,000 prisoners of war here.

At the same time the U.S. 8th Army announced that Greek troops will also be sent to Koje. The Greeks have been allotted "an important role," it said.

The main body of British and Canadian troops are expected here tomorrow to join the 6,000 U.S. Dutch and South Korean forces who are awaiting orders to restore control in the camp.

Camp security officers have assigned the British to guard Compound 66, which holds 3,000 North Korean officers in one of the most closely organized compounds on the island.

Meanwhile the camp commandant, General Boatner, told 500 newly-arrived U.S. troops that his command "must regain control" over the prisoners. It also had to rebuild the camp. He warned "do not kill them unless you have to."

Dodd Demoted

The U.S. Army yesterday demoted two generals involved in the Koje prison camp incident.

The Senate Armed Services Committee was informed that Brigadier-General Francis T. Dodd, who was seized by Communist P.o.W.'s and Brigadier-General Charles F. Colson, who agreed to demands by prisoners, had reverted to their substantive rank of Colonel.

TOKYO, Saturday (UP). — The Korean truce talks were broken off for a three-day recess yesterday after the U.N. had apparently convinced the Communists their daily propaganda barrages at Panmunjom would gain them nothing.

The chief U.N. delegate, Major-General William Harrison, set next Tuesday as the date for resuming the talks.

U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS REVISED

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — A bill revising the U.S. immigration and naturalization laws was passed in the Senate late on Thursday night.

The bill would wipe out racial barriers to immigration, remove present sex discriminations, tighten security screening provisions and give preference to immigrants with skills needed in the U.S., but would retain the present national origins "system of immigration" and increase only slightly the number of immigrants eligible for admission each year.

Bulgaria Warns Turkey, Yugoslavia

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter) —The Bulgarian Government, in notes sent to the Turkish and Yugoslav Governments last week, warned that unless "unwarranted restrictions" against Bulgarian citizens and Embassy officials in Ankara and Belgrade were lifted within a week, the Bulgarian Government would adopt "similar measures" against Turkish and Yugoslav officials in Sofia.

House Further Slices U.S. Aid To West Europe

WASHINGTON, Saturday.— The House of Representatives yesterday increased its cuts in President Truman's Foreign Aid Programme to $1,737,400,000.

The amended bill now goes to the Senate where an across board cut of $1,000m. had already been made in President Truman's $7,900m. original request for military and economic aid. The House's vote included no cut in the Middle East section of the bill, which includes Israel.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, in one of his rare addresses attempted to avert the cuts, saying that Russia was steadily reducing the U.S. lead in the atomic field and already had air superiority.

Commenting on the cuts, Mr. Averell Harriman, Mutual Security Administrator, said that Congressmen who voted for them were playing into the hands of the Kremlin — "doing just what Stalin would like them to do."

The House defeated by voice vote an amendment by Republican Representative Walter Judd to reduce Israel's appropriation by about $18m. to the $85m. proposed for the Arab States.

Representative Emanuel Celler said that the argument to equalize contributions should not be used since the "Arab states are not democratic and cannot be considered on parity with democratic Israel".

"There are many nations stronger than Israel but none are more faithful.

Democratic Representative, Franklin Roosevelt Jr. said that the $50m. appropriated for Palestine refugees last year would not be adequate this year since the U.N. had devised a plan based on integration rather than relief. He too argued against reducing Israel's allocation. Israel "is an outpost of democracy in a most dangerous and delicate spot in the world today, whose future can be assured only if we can encourage its economy and agriculture," he said.

Menzies in London; To Discuss Pacific Pact

LONDON, Saturday (AP). — Australia's Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies arrived today by plane for talks with Mr. Winston Churchill on such varied topics as a Pacific pact on the basis of NATO and a Royal tour of his country.

Asked at a news conference whether he would discuss a Pacific pact while here Mr. Menzies said he was bound to do so because he had discussions on it in Washington. Both Australia and New Zealand are interested in the overall planning side of the free world, he commented, as well as in the supply problem which could arise and be dealt with by NATO.

The question of Australian participation in a Middle East command also will be considered during top-level talks with Prime Minister Churchill and others here, he said. Other matters to be talked over, he said, were Australian import cuts, food supplies, the Commonwealth and the Royal tour.

With him are Mrs. Menzies and a group of government advisers.

THREE MARAUDERS KILLED LAST WEEK

Three marauders were killed, three wounded and 29 arrested during the week of May 12-18, an Army spokesman announced on Thursday.

France to Sign German Treaty After Baulking

Paris Cabinet Demands Guarantees

BONN, Saturday. — France agreed "reluctantly" tonight to join the U.S. and Britain in signing a separate peace treaty with West Germany. The French Cabinet in a last-minute turnabout authorized Foreign Minister Robert Schuman to affix his signature to the document in ceremonies here on Monday morning.

The decision was reached after a day-long threat by France to scuttle both the peace treaty and the European Army pact unless the U.S. Congress and British Parliament gave formal guarantees that Germany would not later withdraw from the European Army and form a separate military establishment.

Fears that a stubborn holdout on the issue might prompt U.S. withdrawal from Europe finally tipped the balance in favour of the signing. The French Cabinet watered down its original stiff demand for formal guarantees.

The Cabinet decided that the danger of a U.S. withdrawal of financial and military assistance from Europe was an even greater threat, and at the end of a second emergency meeting in 24 hours gave M. Schuman the go-ahead signal.

But in almost constant telephonic communication with its Foreign Minister during his meeting here with Mr. Acheson, Mr. Eden and Dr. Adenauer, the Cabinet urged M. Schuman to exact the maximum possible price for French cooperation.

Meanwhile, the three Foreign Ministers ended their talks with Chancellor Adenauer after two hours. They left Mahlem to call separately on President Heuss in Bonn. They will continue their meeting tonight after a dinner given by the Western High Commissioners in Bad Godesberg.

An Allied official said the Ministers agreed to call the treaty system a "Convention on the Relations between the Three Powers and the Federal Republic." No short name will be given to the convention.

The official said two further small points were agreed but declined to say which.

The three Western Foreign Ministers spent six hours today in conference here before they invited Chancellor Adenauer to join them for the planned discussion on the treaties. M. Schuman spent much of his time on the telephone to Paris conferring with Cabinet Ministers.

Most of the 400-page treaty system had already been agreed when the new French conditions came, turning the Foreign Ministers meeting to a long debate. Adenauer was asked to put back his arrival time for two hours while the talks went on.

Ridgway Starts Off On Way to Paris

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AP) — General Matthew Ridgway, new Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, left by plane today for New York, on the first leg of his journey to Paris. He will pay a visit to the U.N. headquarters and will leave for Paris on Monday.

Gen. Ridgway told U.S. Senators he believes that U.N. bombing of Communist bases in Manchuria would increase the danger of bringing Russia's air force into the Korean war. His feelings on the issue were disclosed with the publication today of a heavily-censored transcript of his testimony at a closed-door appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday.

COMMUNIST CALL

PARIS, Saturday (AP). — French Communists called today for their biggest demonstration next Wednesday against the arrival in Europe of General Ridgway.

Sporadic demonstrations such as that which opened their Anti-Ridgway campaign last night were expected throughout the week-end. Police said 260 demonstrators were arrested in the suburbs in last night's demonstrations, but all but 42 of them were released. Those held were expected to be charged with inciting to riot.

The Communist press thundered today that yesterday's demonstrations were a huge success and added: "And now Wednesday at the Republic." Next Wednesday's demonstration, called for the day after Ridgway's scheduled arrival in Paris, is to be in the Place de la Republique, traditional stronghold of Paris Communists.

"Ridgway — assassin" and "Ridgway the microbe General."

In Washington yesterday Gen. Ridgway said he had every confidence that the peoples of West Europe will not be beguiled by the upside-down world of Communist propagandists. He said the Communists would fail to make anti-U.S. propaganda out of his arrival.

British Protest Soviet Closing of German Roads

BERLIN, Saturday (AP). — The British High Commissioner formally protested to the Russians today over the abrupt closing of small crossing points between the British and Soviet zones.

Deputy High Commissioner J.G. Ward wrote to the Soviet Control Commission that the action was "precipitous" and in violation of the blockade lifting agreement of 1949.

Mr. Ward acknowledged that the crossing points involved are minor and handle only a trickle of traffic but he asserted the Russians should have consulted the Allied powers first.

The Russians closed three roads today and plan to block another two tomorrow, narrowing road entry points to a total of five where there once had been 10.

U.S. TO RELAX OIL RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Restrictions on the use of aviation petrol for both foreign and domestic airlines will be relaxed as from next Tuesday, it was announced here today.

This relaxation is possible in view of the prospects for the early resumption of full refinery production, but it was pointed out that for a time there would be a lag in aviation petrol shipments.

Sharett Discusses Reparations Issue

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett said today that he discussed Israel-German reparations talks "briefly" in a courtesy call on Mr. Burton Berry, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Sharett accompanied by Mr. Abba Eban, called on Mr. Berry yesterday. He later said that he expressed Israel's gratitude for the recent speed-up in the delivery of U.S. economic aid.

Schaeffer Attacks Kuester Resignation, Statement

STUTTGART, Saturday (UP) —The resignation of a German delegate to the reparation talks with Israel marked the first time in diplomatic history that a negotiator took up the cause of a foreign country against his own, Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer said here on Thursday night.

Schaeffer also stated: "Any honest representative of the German Government who realizes German's great poverty in the face of her debts to nations throughout the world ... runs the risk of being called an anti-Semite ..."

Answering an angry attack on his policies by the resigned delegate, Otto Kuester, on Tuesday Schaeffer said that "never before in history has a member of a delegation believed he need not receive instructions sent by his Government but instead championed the other party's cause... Never before has a negotiator based his viewpoint on personal prestige rather than the needs of his people."

DEBTS OFFER OF 1½%

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — West Germany's offer of settlement of her pre-war debts made by Herr Abs to the steering committee of the London Debts Conference yesterday was understood to be only forty million dollars a year.

This would be raised to 65 million dollars some years later after Germany has paid off the cash part of Israel's and certain other, special claims.

Germany's pre-war debts were originally estimated at $2,600m. apart from new claims put in during the conference. The proffered $40m. amounts to only about one and a half per cent per annum.

It is believed that the creditors who are to consider the offer at a meeting on Monday afternoon will reject it as a basis for discussion.

The German delegation gave the committee very detailed schedules illustrating how the offer might be distributed among the various debts.

MINISTERS' TALK ON M.E.

BONN, Saturday (Reuter). — **The Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France, will hold a special conference here to discuss the Middle and Far East.**

Particular problems which will come before the Ministers are: the deadlock in the Korean truce negotiations, the Anglo-Egyptian dispute and the latest Soviet note to Persia.

Europe Council to Refer Eden Plan to Assembly

STRASBOURG, Saturday (Reuter). — Ministers of 15 nations of the Council of Europe meeting here yesterday unanimously approved the Eden plan but decided to invite the Council's Assembly to suggest details when the latter meets on Monday.

The plan, as conceived by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, would link the Council with the projected coal and steel pool (Schuman plan) and the European Defence Community.

An official announcement said the Assembly would be asked for its opinion on the best means of giving effect to the plan.

The Chairman, Belgian Foreign Minister Paul van Zeeland, admitted to reporters that there were some divergencies of opinion among the Ministers as the complexities of the problems involved are obvious and therefore a solution will not be found easily.

Sudan Party Protests Iraqi Plan To Recognize Farouk's Claim

KHARTOUM, Saturday (AP). — The Umma Party of the Sudan today cabled the Iraqi Government protesting against Iraq's reported intention to recognize King Farouk as King of Egypt and the Sudan.

The cable said all Sudanese, except a minority misled by Egyptian propaganda, disapproved of the Egyptian claim. Future relations between the Sudan and Iraq would be built on Iraq's attitude toward the Sudanese at the present stage of their struggle for freedom.

A delegation under Sir Abdel Rahman el Mahdi Pasha, Sudan independence leader, will leave Khartoum by air on Tuesday for Egypt. It will stay a day in Cairo and proceed to Alexandria on Wednesday to meet Premier Hilali Pasha. Abdulla Bey Kalil, Secretary-General of the Umma, said he told a U.S. diplomat, Mr. W. Hoskins, during his visit this week, that it would be better for the cause of the Western powers if they helped Sudan achieve her independence. An independent Sudan would join a Middle East defence plan and play an important part, he said.

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — "The Times" said today that no settlement of Anglo-Egyptian differences seems possible unless the Sudanese withdraw their objection to King Farouk being recognized as King of the Sudan during the brief time until the Sudan achieves full self-determination.

No agreement seemed possible unless the Sudanese leaders could be persuaded of the advantages to the Sudan as well as to the whole Middle East of an Anglo-Egyptian understanding.

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Social & Personal

Dr. Pablo Manguel, Argentine Minister to Israel, returned by Air France on Friday, from a visit to Europe.

Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and chairman of the Keren Hayesod Directorate, has left for Europe and several Latin American countries on behalf of the United Israel Appeal.

A Convocation of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to confer the honorary degree of "Doctor of Hebrew Letters" upon the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the Quadrangle of the Temporary Quarters of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, at Terra Sancta. Reserved seats will be held only until 4.45 p.m.

Miss Helen Keller, the blind and deaf author, will speak on her life and work on behalf of the blind, deaf and mute under the auspices of the Hebrew University this evening at 7.15 at the Rabbinow Building, Hall 72. She will be introduced by Professor A. Feigenbaum. Miss Polly Thomas, her companion, will speak on Miss Keller's achievements in her chosen field. The public is invited.

Prof. Selman A. Waksman, Professor of Microbiology at Rutgers University, New Jersey, U.S.A., will deliver a guest lecture under the auspices of the Hadassah Medical Organization, the Medical Association of Israel and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School this evening at 8.15 at the Rabbinow Building, Hall 72. Members of the medical profession are invited.

The lecture by Mr. E. Livneh, on "American Aid, Prospects and Illusions," for members and friends of the Israel-American Friendship League, which was scheduled for today, May 25, has been postponed to Sunday, June 1, at the Haifa Technion, Room 80 at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. Leo Kadman will speak at the Tel Aviv Museum at 6.30 this evening on "Coins of the Ancient Cities of Israel," in connection with the numismatic exhibition now on show at the Museum.

A reception was held by the staff of "Haaretz" and the committee of the Journalists Association in Tel Aviv, on Friday, in honour of Mr. Shimon Samet, of "Haaretz," to mark the completion of his 20 years service with "Haaretz" and his 25th year as an Israel journalist.

Owing to a private party, the Israel Touring Club in Jerusalem will be closed to the public this evening.

BIRTHS

CATS — To Louise (nee Duyssend), wife of Fred Cats, on Monday, May 19, 1952, — a son.

IZAKSON — To Ruth, wife of Mr. Eliahu Izaksen, at the Assutah Hospital, Tel Aviv, on Thursday May 22, 1952 — a daughter.

BEREAVED FAMILIES BILL APPROVED

Approval of the general outline of Cabinet recommendations for a Knesset bill on war-bereaved families was expressed before the Knesset Labour Committee by the "Yad Labanim" society.

Describing the Government's proposals as reflecting "significant progress," the group recommended certain changes based on its own experience in dealing with war widows and bereaved families.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Ben Yehuda, 7 Ben Yehuda. 2811. Hatikva, Rehov Geula. 2452. TEL AVIV: Kolberg, 23 Allenby. 3366. Jaffa, 172 Ben Yehuda. 66543. Greenberg, 66 King George. 3641. Shore, 26 Ahad Ha'am. 6126. Barsch, Hatikva Qr., 67405. Verono and Madger (Jaffa) 9 Rehov 360. 60293. Ramat Gan: Mazor, 50 Bialik. Givat Rambam: Rambam. HAIFA: Assuta, 56 Herzl. 2206. Wiesel Lebanoni, 31 Allenby. 3586. Kiryat Motzkin: Motzkin. 7202.

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JERUSALEM: 497 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.8, 31.3 & 522 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.59, 12.00, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m. 3.15 & 6.35 p.m.; Turkish: 10.00 a.m. — 6.30 a.m.: Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Music Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Oriental Music. 8.45 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Greek Orthodox Com.'s Service. 11.00 Music of the People (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.02 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Concert Hall: Works by Cherubini, Bach and Mozart. 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.40 Piano Recital: M. Sapsic Martin. 5.00 Tea Time Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Music (R). 7.05 Programme Announcements. 7.52 Musical Quiz by phone. 7.45 "In the Coffeeroom." Talk by Dr. S. Z. Cheskin. 8.00 Walls of Work. 8.20 Bible Reading. 8.45 Symphony Concert: Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 in F major ("Pastorale"). 10.00 Vocal Recital: D. Mazeh (Tenor). 10.30 Mozart's Sonata in F major for Violin & Piano (S. Patzer & M. Lustig). 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

468, 228, 217, 43.9 M.

English News 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. Press: 5.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.20 Second Temple Period Literature. 5.30 Talmud Lesson. 6.00 Story. 6.15 Close Down.

Kol Zion Legola (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "Personal Column" by W. Eytan. 11.45 Brains Trust in Tel Aviv.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (26.92, & 30.53 M.): 7.30 p.m. News. 7.38 News Talk. 7.45 Programme Parade: 7.48 Music Time.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (49.4, 246, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Melodies 7.30 Today's Events 7.35 Programme Announcements. 8.00 Entrance Ticket. 8.30 News. 8.45 I.A.F. Band. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme 9-9.30 p.m. (16, 25 & 31 M.): Our Listeners Ask.

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Production Ups And Downs in 1st Quarter

Sharp declines in the production of chocolates and sweets, jams, tinned fruits and vegetables occurred in January-March of 1952 as compared to a similar period in 1951, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research.

Chocolate and sweets output dropped by 47 p.c.; jams by 69 p.c.; tinned fruits, 60 p.c.; tinned vegetables, 39 p.c.; and pickled vegetables 32 p.c. - Citrus juice production rose, however, by 68 p.c., from 3,222 tons to 5,412 tons.

Wines dropped by 61 p.c., from 3,045 kilolitres to 1,478 kilolitres, while beer production rose by 32 p.c. from 2,948 kilolitres to 3,499 kilolitres.

Cigarettes rose from 167,276 kilograms in January to 175,324 kilograms in February, 1952.

In the first quarter of 1952, production of laundry soap dropped from 583 tons in January and 394 tons in February to 385 tons in March. Toilet soap production, however, rose from 82 tons in January, and 120 tons in February to 154 tons in March.

Margarine stood at 2,474 tons in January-March, an increase of 167 p.c. over the comparative period last year. In February, 36,330 tons of cement was manufactured as compared to 37,002 tons in January, 1952.

Flour showed an overall 36 p.c. increase. In the first quarter, 34,591 tons of standard flour and 15,939 tons of other flours were milled.

Novel on Jerusalem Wins Top Award

NEW YORK, Saturday. (USIS).—Five awards carrying cash prizes totalling $800, for the best works in 1951 of Jewish interest in the fiction, poetry, and juvenile fields, were made here at the annual meeting of the Jewish Book Council of America.

The $250 award for the best work of fiction of Jewish interest written and published in the U.S. in 1951 went to Zelda Popkin, of New York, for "Quiet Street." Samuel H. Daroff, Philadelphia community leader, is the donor of the award.

Mrs. Sydney Taylor, New York, won the $250 award for the best juvenile book in English, "All-of-a-Kind Family." The award is in memory of Isaac Siegel, late U.S. Congressman, jurist, and Jewish community leader.

Three awards of $100 each were made in memory of Harry Kovner. The winners were: A. M. Klein, of Montreal, Canada, for his contributions to English-Jewish Poetry, notably "Hath not a Jew" and "Poems"; Mordecai Jaffe, New York, for his Yiddish translation of "Anthology of Hebrew Poetry"; and to Professor Hillel Bavli, New York, for his cumulative contributions to Hebrew poetry.

The council, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, also awarded citations to four libraries. They are: Minda Library, Beth Shalom Congregation, Kansas City; Benjamin Neff Memorial Library, Tri-City Jewish Centre, Rock Island, Illinois; J. S. Hoffman Memorial Library, Congregation Rodfei Zedek, Chicago; and the Morris P. Radov Family Library, Jewish Centre, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Churchill Wins Libel Suit

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—A libel action brought by Premier Winston Churchill against the London "Daily Mirror" arising out of a front-page slogan in the last general election, has been settled.

Mr. Churchill accepted an apology and the paper will pay costs and make a contribution to a charity named by him.

The paper, in today's issue, said "the statements and pictures referred to were never intended to suggest that Mr. Churchill did not dislike war and the possibility of war as much as the defendants themselves do."

The libel charge was for a front-page spread including the picture of a man's hand on a revolver with the question "whose finger," over cuts of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Attlee.

MORE MILK POWDER IN MILK

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — With the seasonal decrease in the supply of fresh milk, the 10 per cent of milk powder now added to milk would be shortly increased to 20 per cent, Mr. N. Verlinski, director of Tnuva, said here. He added that later in the summer the percentage of milk powder would probably be raised to 25 per cent.

Expert to Advise Jordan on Potash

An expert has arrived in Amman to advise the Jordan Government on the establishment of a plant to exploit Dead Sea potash, "Falastin" reports. Plans to raise almost 1m. dinars for the plant are entering their final stage.

The government expects to receive 450,000 dinars through the cancellation of a concession granted to a foreign company, 350,000 dinars from British loans, and the balance from shares being floated in Jordan. The British company which has been granted the concession and the International Bank are to provide the balance of the capital, "Falastin" said. The British company is to supply the needed equipment.

Migdal Life Portfolio Beyond IL10m. Mark

The life portfolio of the Migdal Insurance Company, Ltd. passed the IL.10m. mark in recent days. The firm, which ten years ago was well below the IL.1m. mark, reached its present high in a relatively short time.

With its 22,000 life policies, Migdal now provides almost 100,000 persons in Israel with life insurance facilities, with the average policy having risen from LP.300 ten years ago to IL.500 today.

Premium income in the general branch whose premium income totalled IL.275,000 in 1950, rose to nearly IL.500,000 last year. In the first quarter of the current year, premium income in this branch was more than twice what it was in the corresponding quarter of 1951.

A part of the IL.400,000 in new investments during 1951 — which brought Migdal's total investments for the year to IL.1,700,000 — went into loans to finance the construction of houses by large building companies.

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REVIEW OF OPINION IN FRIDAY'S PRESS

Tributes to Kaplan And Criticism Of Government's Financial Policy

Since his election, 20 years ago, as treasurer of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan has been responsible for the economic development of this country, says "Davar" (Histadrut). Mr. Kaplan introduced economic planning for new agricultural settlements, industry, and foreign trade. He faced many difficulties, since the budget was based on uncertain future incomes, but his signature was respected in the banking world. His unofficial status as Minister of Finance was recognized prior to 1948.

Mr. Kaplan did not care for popularity. Frequently he stressed the dangerous economic situation and demanded adjustment to austerity conditions both from the population and the administration, "Davar" says. He has resigned because his unceasing efforts have played havoc with his already frail health. It is hoped he will be able to fill another responsible Government position. The nation is grateful to the man who gave it economic leadership in the decisive years, "Davar" says.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) says Mr. Kaplan carried a heavy burden as a faithful public servant. Within Mapai, Mr. Kaplan was a lonely voice warning his comrades of the seriousness of the situation. He was a realist who asked that wages should be linked to productivity, but he was defeated by the "secretaries" who had to compete with Mapam.

What the country needs now is not a routine reshuffling of the Cabinet, but a basic change in our economic policy. "Haboker" says the Government should enlist both the "leaders of the economy" (as other Governments have done) and "men with sound ideas" to save the country. We must admit our past failures, and be willing to make a start on non-routine lines, "Haboker" says.

Real Problem

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says there were other causes besides Mr. Kaplan's illness which caused his resignation. The real problem is not the choice of a new Finance Minister, but a new system. The situation is radically different from the Fifth Aliya period, when private enterprise succeeded in the economic integration of new immigrants. Today, private enterprise cannot succeed. We cannot afford waste in any form, in view of the limited capital at our disposal. Concentrated effort, exact planning, and a high degree of efficiency, are needed today.

The proponents of "private enterprise" wish to choose the line of least resistance by putting the entire burden on the workers, "Al Hamishmar" says. This will fail since the excessive profits of the capitalists will cause a further growth of the black market.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) also demands a radical change in policy — but in the opposite direction. The paper, although grateful for Mr. Kaplan's achievements, also demands a radical revision in policy. Foreign currency controls should be abolished, control of prices should be limited and wages should not be linked with the cost-of-living index, the bureaucracy should be restrained, and the cooperative sector should be placed on an equal footing with the private enterprise sector, the paper says.

Only by doing this can the Government restore public confidence and regain the trust of Jews abroad. No Mapai leader seems competent for this task, and Mapai should therefore give the economic portfolios to the representatives of the centre parties (The General Zionists are apparently considered a "centre party" by "Ha'aretz").

1,000 Choir Singers For Festival Here

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A festival of Jewish songs with the participation of choirs from all Jewish centres abroad will be held in Israel between August 6 and 20. The festival is now being arranged by the "Hazamir" (nightingale) association. Its Chairman and Director, Mayor O. Ben Ami, of Nathanya, and Mr. A. Propes, told the press here that they expect the festival to make "a new and joyful contact with Jewish communities throughout the world."

"Hazamir," which is under the patronage of the Foreign Minister, has invited 2,000 singers, due to come here in August in two ships chartered from Shoham and in several El Al flights from the U.S. and Canada.

The opening ceremony, at Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem, will be followed by performances in other cities in Israel. With the participation of local singers the choirs will be 2,000 strong and will sing in all languages.

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Seventy Thousand At Olympics Opener

HELSINKI, — (UP) — The opening ceremonies of the XV Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium will be attended by 70,475 sports fans on July 19. The organizers disclosed this when they recently issued the numbers of seats and standing room at every Olympic venue.

According to the list there are 54,078 seats and 16,400 standing-room tickets at the main stadium, which is the site of all track and field competitions as well as the venue of all ceremonies.

The swimming stadium, another important centre, will accommodate 11,345 fans (8,345 and 3,000). The respective figures at the football ground near the main stadium, are 8,050 (12,050 and 6,000).

The other stands at different outdoor stadiums and competition places will have room for less than 5,000 persons each. The great exibition hall can accommodate up to 6,456 persons, varying in different events. The smaller exibition hall will be fully packed with 3,462 persons, of which 1,000 have to be content with standing-room.

Olympic Sports List

HELSINKI, — (UP) — With eight weeks left to the Olympic Games, 68 nations have accepted invitations to compete in the 1952 games to be held here. Deadline for entrance for the basketball and football competitions is June 1 and for the other sports June 6. Thus, the possible additional entrants have about a month left to decide.

There are 13 compulsory sports, on the card, according to the Olympic rules. They are: track and field, swimming, wrestling, boxing, gymnastics, weight-lifting, modern pentathlon, riding, fencing, yachting, cycling, target shooting and rowing.

In addition, the XV Olympic Games include five voluntary sports: canoeing, football (soccer), water-polo, basketball, and field-hockey. Two demonstrations have been included in the programme. They are "Finnish baseball" and handball.

Olympic Record Twice Beaten

Hungary's Olympic champion and world record holder, Imri Nemeth, and his protege, Josef Czermak, both unleashed hammer throws better than the Olympic mark at Budapest on Saturday last during an international meet against Austria.

Nemeth, who holds the world record in the hammer throw of 195 feet 1.4 inches, won the event with 57.87 metres (189 ft. 10 ins), while Czermak reached 57.46 m. (188 ft. 6 ins). The Olympic record is 56.49 m. (185 ft. 3.16 ins).

Golf Stars Downed In Tourney

Henry Cotton, former British "Open" champion, who rarely plays tournament golf, was beaten in the first round of the Penfold Match play tournament on Thursday last by Ken Gedges, a self-taught English player. Gedges won by one hole after trailing by as many as three early in the 18-hole match.

Norman Von Nida, Australian star, lost 3 and 2 to British Ryder Cup player, Art Lees, and Belgium's Flory Van Donck bowed on the 20th hole to Harry Weetman, another Ryder Cupper, in other first round matches. The tournament carries a first prize of £500.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

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9-4: Archaeological Exhibition: Dept. of Antiquities: 25 Rehov Salome Hamalech.

10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of photographs of the First National Photographic Competition. Also exhibition of paintings by the visiting artist, Max Nordau. Artists House.

10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

10-4: 1) Sculptures by Hanna Orloff. 2) Paintings by Marcel Janko. 3) Ancient Coins from Eretz-Yisrael towns. Museum.

8.30: "Li-La-Lo News." — Li-La-Lo Theatre: Jascha Heifetz Hall.

8.30: "Volpone." Chamber Theatre. Mograbi Hall.

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8-5.30: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue.

4-7: Exhibition of Paintings by O. Shabat — Artists Home, 2 Rehov Habar.

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A sum of 576 legally registered sewing-machines, worth about IL.18,000 at current black market rates, were stolen from the flat of Shmuel Nahikov in Rehov Gordin in Tel-Aviv on Friday . . . . On the same day textiles worth IL.4,620 were stolen from the weaving factory of Moly Baig in Jaffa.

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For non-registration for military service Yehudit Kaminger, 18, and Segula Samuels, 19, were fined IL.40 and IL.30 respectively by the Tel Aviv Magistrate on Friday.

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24 pairs of nylon stockings were confiscated from a foreign sailor who was caught smuggling them from Haifa port on Thursday. He was fined IL.35.

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The radio stolen in Jerusalem last April from the car of Abba Khoushi, Mayor of Haifa, was ordered returned to its owner by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court on Friday. Shmuel ben Shlomo Sabah, in whose possession the radio was found, was fined IL.50 or a month in prison. The accused claimed that he bought the radio from a new immigrant for IL.70.

Rokach Claims Mapai Group Adopting GZ Stand

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Mayor I. Rokach, speaking at a General Zionist meeting here today, said the country was "losing its economic independence" because the Government relied on overseas help instead of encouraging private enterprise. In Mapai, he said, a group a men, led by Mr. Eliezer Livneh, was already adopting the General Zionist economic stand, he added.

Mr. Ezra Ichilov, M.K., said that the General Zionists, to help the country out of the crisis, were willing to "extend their hand to foe and friend alike"—a phrase which was taken to be a hint that the G.Z. would agree to enter the Government coalition, if invited.

The meeting here was one of 17 in different towns and settlements, called by the General Zionists to protest the "Prime Minister's slander" in the Knesset a fortnight ago, when Mr. Ben Gurion accused them of being indifferent to the well-being of the State.

In Jerusalem the Party held a mass meeting on Israel's economic situation at the Zion Cinema yesterday morning. The situation was described as "critical and catastrophic" and a complete change in administrative policy and personnel was called for. Reference was made to the remark of Mr. Benjamin Browdy, Chairman of the Z.O.A. regarding the non-identification of American Jewry with Israel's political parties. A broad national coalition was demanded to solve the country's mounting economic and financial problems.

Among the speakers were Mr. A. Elyashar, Acting Mayor of Jerusalem and Mr. Y. Sapir, M.K.

Progressives Want Broad Coalition

REHOVOT, Saturday — Mr. Moshe Kol, chairman of the Progressive Party Executive, said here today that the need to reshuffle the Government afforded a good opportunity to broaden the coalition and to form an emergency Government.

He was speaking at a party rally here.

The Progressives has since the last national elections favoured a broad coalition and they declined to enter the present Government because they said that Mr. Ben Gurion had not made a sincere attempt to bring in the General Zionists, Mr. Kol said. He voiced opposition to the Army plan for military training in schools but said that the Party favoured the establishment of a Military School.

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Ten rations points for shoes and leather goods will be released on Tuesday. They are Heh 1-8, inclusive and Heh 12 and 13.

Ration News

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Following the first harvest, fresh supplies of rolled oats from the "Back-Log" offer of rolled oats are available, on ration card, in Rehovot, and special will be arranged for other towns as the new harvest is received. Rolled oats are of the superior quality.

Army Grows Its Own Vegetables

The Army will eat its own vegetables this summer, freeing part of the private growers to supply the civilian market, the Deputy Quartermaster-General told the press on a tour of some vegetable-producing units last week. Vegetable growing in the Army would be encouraged as long as there was a shortage of vegetables on the market, he added.

A tract of 750 dunams under potatoes, the largest monoculture field in the country, has been sown by a Nahal unit, which also put wide fields under tomatoes and carrots. Mechanized methods of work, inspired by American practice, were introduced to tackle wide areas never before used for vegetable growing in this country. Equipment was obtained from Jewish Agency stocks, although no priority was afforded to the Army in granting the purchase licences, the press was told. The investment should be recovered within two years, according to Defence Ministry experts.

The members of the Nahal unit which is employed on the farm take up tilling, sowing and harvesting as part of their military life. In 30 smaller units, vegetables are grown on tracts ranging from five to twenty dunams of land adjoining their camps, wherever water is available. Arrangements within the units differ according to circumstances: in some, a few men are delegated for one hour's work after the daily routine, in others, working in the field for four hours once in a few days is incorporated in the curriculum.

Four Fifths for Sale

The units are entitled to take 20 per cent of their produce for their own cookhouse, and must sell the rest to the Quartermaster-General at the current official price. The monetary receipts are used for the unit's fund.

The vegetable growing scheme, initiated by the Army Supply Corps is directed by a board on which sit representatives of Army GHQ, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Supply Corps, and the Engineer Corps. An agricultural unit of the Supply Corps gives professional advice and supplies chemical fertilizers, the price of the latter being deducted from the payments made for the produce.

The crops are so planned as to supply the army with those vegetables that would not be available on the civilian market in the "off season".

Britain's Position Made Loan Impossible—Evans

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Addressing the Commercial and Industrial Club's weekly luncheon here yesterday, the British Minister to Israel, Sir Francis Evans, said that Britain would have liked to be able to grant a credit to Israel for the purchase of oil, but could not do so because of Britain's own financial and economic position, which had affected the Commonwealth and sterling area countries and other States including Israel.

The British Government would try and make the burden fall as lightly as possible on countries with which Britain was in commercial relations, Sir Francis said, adding that his country was continuing to buy Israel citrus and was also making other accommodations.

He stressed that there was no discrimination against Israel even though import licences were not always granted because of economic difficulties, which were, in many respects, similar to Israel's own difficulties at the present time. There was great understanding between he two countries, he noted, which were now in a period of "substantial friendship."

The earlier part of Sir Francis' talk was devoted to a review of the economic situation in Britain, grown critical as a result of two world wars. In 1938, Britain's credit position was such that every inhabitant of the British Isles could be said to have an £80 credit abroad, whereas today this had been altered into a debit of £35.—

Last Immigrants Hostel To Be Closed Next Month

TEL AVIV, Saturday —With the closing of the Pardes Hanna "Gimmel" immigrants hostel in the middle of next month, immigrant reception camps will become a thing of the past, and only "hard-core" cases will continue to be maintained by the Jewish Agency, it was announced here yesterday. All new immigrants will henceforth be housed in ma'barot, where they will earn their own living immediately upon arrival.

The record for the number of immigrants held and maintained by the Agency's Absorption Department in camps was in July, 1950, when 100,000 persons were being kept at Agency expense. This number dropped quickly to 25,000 with the inception of the ma'bara scheme.

When the "Gimmel" camp is closed, 4,000 hard-core cases from all parts of the country will be concentrated at Pardes Hanna "Aleph" camp, and will continue to be cared for directly by the Jewish Agency.

Cards for extra milk rations are now being exchanged by the Tel Aviv Municipality at their offices at 7 Rehov Mapu, and near the Bourse's Office in Jaffa. Mothers' certificates, for pregnant women, must be submitted with the new applications.

Bus Changes in TA and J'lem

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Readjustments in four Tel Aviv bus lines come into force tomorrow morning.

The No. 4 bus at the northern end of its journey will continue along Rehov Dizengoff to Rehov Yermiyahu, corner Rehov Ben Yehuda, and its terminal will henceforth be next to the No. 4 terminal.

The No. 13 route, instead of turning on its northern route from King George Street into Zamenhoff and thence into Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, will continue along King George Street, through Kikar Masaryk to Rehov Frishman and thence to Shlomo Hamelech. The southern journey remains unchanged.

The Tel Aviv terminal of the No. 51 and 62 routes (Northern Tel Aviv to Ramat Gan and Petah Tikva) is being moved from Rehov Ben-Ami near Kikar Dizengoff, to the corner of Rehov ben Yehuda and Rehov Mendele.

Two special bus lines will be run, from next month, from Rehov Yesod Hama'aleh, near the central bus station, to Bat Yam, to cater for bathers from Tel Aviv. The Eshed management is to meet the Bat Yam Local Council on Wednesday to discuss new lines to the Ramat Yam and Amidar quarters of Bat Yam.

The 600 families now living in the Amidar quarter have guaranteed to repay to the Bat Yam Council 75 per cent of the IL.45,000 spent by the Council on the construction of a road to the quarter, to enable a bus line to run there. Eshed had refused to operate buses until the road was built. The money will be repaid over the next three years.

Jerusalem Routes

The following changes in bus routes are to go into effect in Jerusalem beginning today. The No. 15 line will go from Katamon via Ord Circle, Rehov Jabotinsky, to Rehov King George, Terra Sancta, through Mamilla Road to Rehov Shlomzion Hamalka and Jaffa Road, thence from Rehov Strauss, to Rehov Hanevi'im, Rehov Yeshayahu, Rehov Malkhei Yisrael, Rehov Haturim, Rehov Rashi, Rehov Tahkhmoni, Rehov David Yellin, again to Rehov Strauss and back to Katamon by the same route.

Bus route number 18 will also serve Kfar Manahat. Buses going to Kfar Manahat will carry special signs to that effect.

Bus route number 17 will be cancelled, the Ministry of Communication has announced.

Thirteen Eshed Drivers Charged with Conspiracy

The trial of 13 Eshed drivers, who had allegedly undertaken steps in October last year to prevent Hamekasher from running a line from Jerusalem to Beersheba, was started in the Jerusalem District Court on Friday.

The 13, two of whom are traffic directors, are accused of having conspired, by acts of assault and by causing damage to property, to prevent the Hamekasher from executing its plan; of having used violence to prevent the Hamekasher from doing what it was legally entitled to do; of having damaged buses; of having behaved in a riotous fashion; and of having prevented the public from exercising its right to drive from Jerusalem to Beersheba.

The Court, composed of Judge Eisenberg, refused, for the time being, to postpone the trial. The Defence had asked for an opportunity to discuss the matter with the Attorney-General's office and obtain a stay of proceedings.

Messrs. S. Kwart and A. Kammar appeared for the State and Messrs. A. Spaer and Y. Marash for the accused.

Helen Keller Praises Israel's Help for Blind

After five busy days in Israel, Helen Keller rested in Jerusalem yesterday. But she resumes her active schedule today with a lecture on her life and work on behalf of the blind, deaf and mute under the auspices of the Hebrew University. The lecture will take place in the University's quarters at Ratisbonne, Hall 72 at 7:15 p.m.

On Friday, which was given over to visits to Hadassah's Brandeis Vocational Centre and the Hadassah Nurses School, Miss Keller stated that Israel's activities for easing the burdens of the handicapped placed her in a more advanced position than even the U.S. She was especially impressed with the Brandeis Centre's advanced methods of vocational training for the blind and Hadassah's programme of mass preventive medicine.

On hearing of border restrictions which reduce the number of non-Israel Arabs who might otherwise receive medical treatment at Hadassah Hospital, Miss Keller was prompted to say, "Politicians are heartless and without feelings."

ARCHITECT. — Miss Ahava Leah Aharoni, University of Texas student from Tel Aviv, has been chosen the outstanding sophomore girl in architecture according a report from Austin, Texas.

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Good 1st Harvest Of New Settlement

KFAR SABA, Saturday. — The settlers of Kfar Hayarkonim, a cooperative settlement founded last November by middle aged new immigrants, yesterday celebrated its first harvest of 16 tons of onions, 40 tons of carrots, 20 tons of garlic and 200 tons of potatoes.

The settlement was established by new immigrant who had decided, while reception centres to form a new village. All were former farmers from Rumania, and they claim that their success in their first six months is due to their previous agricultural experience, their desire to earn their living by their own work, and their faith in "mother earth."

The settlers have 1,200 dunams of land to farm, but have only cultivated half this area, owing to shortage of irrigation equipment. Unlimited quantities of water are available from the nearby Yarkon river.

Charged with Buying 'Frig' Without Licence

HAIFA, Saturday. — Charged with buying an electric refrigerator without a licence, Mr. Yitzhak Gelbron, 40, technical manager of the Phoenicia glass-works, was brought before Dr. A. Bach in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday.

According to the prosecution, the accused paid IL.250 for a Cold Spot refrigerator in September, 1949, and received it later as a "gift" though the Sharab Company here. Defence counsel Mr. E. Toister said that the trial was a test case, and that there were 46 other similar files. He claimed that the cases were not brought immediately after their discovery in May, 1951, but were postponed because of the elections that followed shortly afterwards. He asked for the trial to be postponed in order to decide whether to call the accused to testify. "This is only one case of 47, and I am willing to sacrifice the accused for the sake of the rest," he said. All the 47 persons, mostly Soiel Boneh and Histadrut employees, had formed a committee, which had briefed him, and they had decided to sacrifice Gelbron, if necessary, to which Gelbron had agreed.

Meat Coupons Found Of "Poor Quality"

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Yoel Teitelbaum, owner of the cafe "Gina" in Jaffa, who is one of six persons accused of large-scale forgery of meat coupons, told the Magistrate here yesterday that just before his arrest he meant to "pull out from the whole business."

He said he used to market the coupons, which he alleged had been forged by Markstein, one of the accused, but some of his clients found them of poor quality.

Shortage of Policemen Helps Black Market

TEL AVIV, Saturday—Members of the Histadrut's anti-black market committee met Police Minister Behor Shitreet and the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Y. Sachar, yesterday, to discuss the fight against the black market. The committee members asked for greater police activity in helping to stamp out illegal sales.

In reply the Police Minister pointed to the difficulties now confronting the police force as a result of financial stringencies. The force at present numbered only 5,000 men, whereas 10,000 constables are required for the present population. The budgetary difficulties have also prevented the construction of new police stations and prisons, with the consequent overcrowding of prison facilities at the moment.

The bulk of the anti-"black" campaign is the responsibility of the Minister of Commerce and Industry and its inspectors, but the police have been instructed to cooperate fully with Ministry inspectors, the delegation was told.

Two Drowned

HAIFA, Saturday.—Two persons lost their lives in the sea here today. At the Kiryat Haim beach this morning a rowboat with eight youths from the Magiddo kibbutz overturned. One of the rowers, 22-year-old Hava Gruener, a kibbutz member, was pulled out of the water in a critical condition. She died on the way to the Government hospital in the Magen David Adom ambulance.

At Kiryat Yam Ginzel beach, a bather, David Dan, 22, of the Kirdaneh ma'bara also drowned this morning. His body was recovered and taken to the Rambam hospital.

BODIES OF DROWNED SOLDIERS FOUND

HADERA, Saturday. — The bodies of the two soldiers, drowned while bathing in heavy seas off Givat Olga on Monday, were washed ashore yesterday and today, near the spot where they disappeared. The bodies were found by military police. That of Yifrach Masuad was found yesterday morning and that of A. Levy this morning.

Two Seriously Hurt In Road Accidents

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Two persons were severely injured in road accidents here yesterday. Itzhak Cohen, 6, of the Pardess Katz ma'bara was hit by a motorcycle, driven by Israel Virnik, 42. The injured boy was taken to the Beilinson Hospital. The driver was detained and later released on bond.

The second accident occurred on the Tel Litvinsky road when an American Embassy car hit Chana Katzenberg, 20, a soldier. She was taken to the Tel Hashomer Hospital.

Appeal to Supreme Court Succeeds

The Supreme Court on Friday set aside a two-year prison term imposed by the Tel Aviv District Court, in December 1950, on Meir Peretz, 24, accused of rape.

The Supreme Court, on its own initiative, called on Dr. I. Gluberman to testify again on the examination he had made of the alleged rape victim. In view of the doctor's incertainty, the Court held that the girl's testimony was not corroborated and overruled the District Court conviction.

Mr. H. Safier appeared for Peretz.

Jailed for Trying To Bribe Police

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — When Charlie Zvi, 19, of Tel Aviv, was brought to police headquarters here last December for an investigation of his alleged illegal monetary transfers, he offered IL.50 to constable S. Zalof, with whom he had been left alone for a minute, and who was translating his statement, made in Arabic, to the investigating sergeant. Zalof promptly informed his superiors about it. Yesterday a Tel Aviv magistrate sentenced Zvi to a month's imprisonment for attempted bribery.

JORDAN HOLIDAY

The Jordan Government has declared a national holiday today on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of independence, a report from Amman said yesterday.

Bavarian Minister Involved In Auerbach Case

MUNICH, Saturday (AP) — Bavaria's Minister of Justice, Dr. Josef Mueller, faces dismissal from office after refusing to testify how much money he received from a Rabbi accused of fraud, it was officially announced today.

Minister Hans Ehard, leader of Dr. Mueller's Christian Socialist Union, said he had demanded Dr. Mueller's resignation and would force him out of the Government unless he resigned.

The Justice Minister, once an anti-Nazi underground figure, was fined 500 marks ($119) yesterday for refusing to tell a parliamentary committee about large sums allegedly given him two years ago by Mr. Aaron Ohrenstein, Chief Rabbi in the State, for "political and charitable purposes."

Dr. Ohrenstein is on trial with Mr. Philipp Auerbach, Jewish community leader and former head of the Bavarian restitution office, in connection with the alleged payment of $714,000 of fraudulent claims for losses suffered by Jews in the Hitler era.

The Justice Minister went on official leave a few days ago when the political storm increased. Mr. Auerbach had claimed that he was "persecuted" by Dr. Mueller and blamed the Justice Minister for bringing him to trial. Auerbach's defence counsel is said to have supplied Dr. Mueller's political opponents with documents on loans which the Justice Minister had obtained in the past years from prominent Bavarian Jews.

No Complaint by Jordan On Alleged Village Raid

No Jordan complaint on the alleged incident at Kufein village in the Jordan "Triangle" has been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday. Reports from Old City newspapers had alleged on Thursday night that four Arab children were killed and their mother seriously injured when armed Israel soldiers blew up their house in Kufein village. Col. B. de Ridder, Chairman of the Jordan-Israel M.A.C. stated in Jerusalem that no committee of inquiry had been sent out to the village.

Meanwhile, Old City daily "A-Diffa" reports that Ahmed Bey Toukan, Chief Jordan M.A.C. delegate, along with a U.N. observer left for the scene of the alleged incident to open an inquiry.

Ibn Saud Abolishes Pilgrimage Tax

The annual "Haj" pilgrimage tax, once a major source of revenue, was abolished by King Ibn Saud on Friday. This has been made possible by the steep rise in the royalties from rich oil wells.

The announcement was read in the great Mosque of Karachi and in other Pakistan cities during the Friday noon prayers. Observers see the move as an attempt to boost the King's standing throughout the Moslem world.

(N.E.A.B.S. A.N.A.)

INDICTED. — Joseph Weinberg, a U.S. scientist who helped develop the atomic bomb was indicted on Friday on charges that he lied when he denied under oath that he had been a member of the Communist Party.

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Super Cabinet For E. German 5-Year Plan

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter).—The East-German Parliament last night unanimously voted sweeping powers into the hands of six top men who will have supreme responsibility for carrying out the State's five-year plan.

This decision gives the new "super cabinet" the right to make any structural alteration in the Government necessary to meet exigencies of the plan. (West Berlin parliamentarians suggested that this might pave the way for creation of a defence ministry).

Five of the six men belong to the Socialist Unity (Communist) party. The new body will consist of Premier Otto Grotewohl and five coordinators.

Ramadhan Starts In Egypt Today

Ramadhan was proclaimed throughout Syria, Lebanon and Jordan yesterday morning after eye-witnesses had testified that they had seen the new moon with the naked eye.

In Egypt however, where no such evidence was given, Ramadhan begins this morning—the 30th day of the month of Sha'aban.

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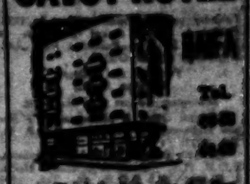

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Cables in Brief

FIRE. — A Chinese Communist warship opened fire on a Portuguese merchant vessel on Wednesday morning, according to a delayed report from Macao, Portuguese colony on the Chinese mainland.

RECALL. — Italy yesterday asked Yugoslavia to recall her military attache from Rome after his Italian counterpart was withdrawn from Belgrade because of Yugoslav attacks on him.

BETROTHAL. — Japanese Emperor Hirohito and his Empress were present yesterday at the ceremony of the betrothal of their fourth daughter Princess Yori, 21, and Takamasa Ikeda, 27, eldest son of the former Nobleman Ikeda.

MEDITERRANEAN NAVAL EXERCISES

NAPLES, Saturday (AP). — Warships and planes of five Atlantic pact nations will begin a 12-day mine-laying and sweeping exercise in the Mediterranean on May 28, Headquarters of Allied forces, Southern Europe, said today.

Vessels and aircraft from Italy, France and the U.S. navies will operate with forces of the British and Greek Mediterranean fleets in the exercises.

Police Searching For Bezalel Treasures

A country-wide search for the gold objets d'art, valued at IL.25,000, which were stolen Wednesday night from the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem, has been instituted by police.

The luggage of all persons leaving the country, as well as all out-going mail and freight, is being scrupulously searched.

Copies of the fingerprints found on the glass show case have been sent to all police stations. All Museum employees have been fingerprinted.

Ten suspects have been detained in Jerusalem and are being interrogated (Itim).

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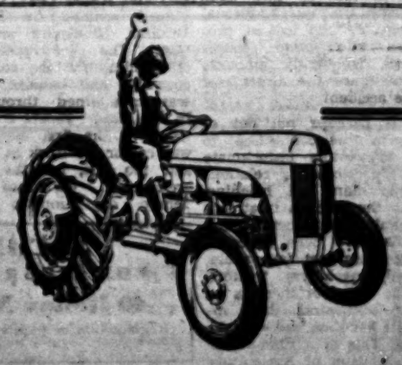

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THE number of work accidents in 1951 was 20,286 — 81 of them fatal, and many hundred resulting in partial or full invalidity. Figures for the first two months of 1952 show no substantial change for the better, and the overall picture amply illustrates the fact that the industrial development of the country is being accompanied by a steep increase in accidents. For this reason alone, the current exhibition in Haifa of work, hygiene and safety commands special interest. Financed with contributions from industrial sources, the exhibition was organized by the Institute for Occupational Hygiene in Industry, originally founded by the Histadrut in 1935, and today a joint undertaking of the Ministry of Labour, the Manufacturers' Association, and the Histadrut.

SAFETY AND WASTE

The prevention of work accidents has become one of the major objects of social policy in all countries. Beginnings were made here already in the early years of the Mandatory regime, and its Labour Department introduced a number of useful regulations. But much remains to be done, especially after the influx of so many unskilled workers who are, for the most part, unacquainted with the risks involved in technical operations. It must be added, however, that in many smaller workshops the owner himself shows little interest in preventive measures, and "Safety Committees" are still few in number.

Improvement of present conditions can only be expected from systematic and consistent education. Useful as the respective articles in the bulletins of the Ministry of Labour and the aforementioned Institute are, they reach only a restricted number of readers and few, if any, of the workers themselves. But education and propaganda especially by way of lantern lectures and posters, will have no satisfactory results as long as they are not supported by regular and frequent inspection of all places of work and by adequate punishment of offenders. We are still far, in this country, from so comprehensive a regulation as, for instance, the English Factory Act of 1937, but even our existing laws seem to be enforced mainly in the breach.

Most accidents, a recent bulletin points out, are caused by indifference and carelessness on the part of the workers themselves. Protection by Workmens' Compensation Ordinances, indispensable as it is, may be responsible in some measure for this negligent attitude on the part of workers as well as among certain *entrepreneurs* who rely on their risks being "covered." A very shortsighted view, of course, because every accident causes much more damage than would appear at first sight: it has in fact been established that such additional damage, through loss of production and other consequences, frequently amounts to four times the direct cost of the accident.

It is perhaps not out of place, in this connection, to point to another unfortunate factor in prevailing relations between man and machine, namely the careless treatment of technical equipment. Many millions have been invested, during these last few years, in costly machinery, tractors, and the like; yet there is no end to complaints about inadequate handling and outright neglect. This at a time when, as the Minister of Agriculture said at the Tnuva conference last week, every screw and every bit of wire is precious. Waste in any form, whether in the worker's health or in our working tools, is the last thing we can afford.

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THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

By GERDA LUFT

THE Israel press has won a victory. The new Press Bill which should have been tabled in the Knesset this week has been taken back by the government. It will reach the floor of the Knesset in an altered and — let us hope — improved form. The very fact, however, that a draft bill should include severe encroachments on the freedom of the press and provide for the automatic suspension of offending papers should keep us on the alert. A draft bill like this one confirms the suspicion that the trend toward curtailing free speech is gaining impetus.

In this connection the bill on the State Comptroller is of interest. During the last couple of years the press has frequently published excerpts of the Comptroller's Reports although the reports had not been officially released. The new bill is designed to prevent the continuation of this practice and proposes to inflict heavy penalties for violations. According to custom, the reports of the Comptroller are published with answers by the Minister of Finance who, according to his position, may be able to add additional facts, elaborate and interpret the items and, perhaps, whitewash the administration faults.

Slow Reports

In the last couple of years, however, the Treasury has been very slow in answering the Reports and this, more than anything else, explains their premature publication by the press.

The Knesset Finance Committee has proposed to fix a time limit for the Treasury's replies. This would solve the problem legally, but it may be doubted whether this will solve it in fact. The administration and the Knesset have more than once in the past failed to keep promises as to time-limits.

It has been argued that the public gets a distorted impression of the Reports if they are published only in part and not in connection with the Treasury's answers. That might sometimes be true, but the situation will not be improved by simply banning early publication. The Finance Minister must make his additions to the Reports without delay, and both must be released immediately.

We are very badly in need of informed criticism, and the State Comptroller is the authority who has access to all branches of the administration and whose criticism is consequently both reliable and balanced. Every step taken by the Government to prevent or delay the publication of his Reports necessarily invites the assumption that the Government wants to suppress criticism and public discussion of administrative shortcomings. This assumption can be refuted only if the Government not only does not hinder but actually encourages the publication of well-founded criticism. The new bill on the Comptroller should be viewed in this light. So should every press bill which will eventually reach the floor of the Knesset.

Answer Withheld

Questions put to Ministers are among the most important weapons of the individual member of the House. In this way he can elicit information; he can shed light on abuses he wants to abolish; he can embarrass the Government, and he can help it. All this, however, is true only under one condition: that the Government take part in the game and stick to its rules. The Knesset succeeded only a few months ago in forcing Ministers to keep to their time-limits — a fortnight — in answering questions.

Now the Minister of Foreign Affairs has for the first time refused to answer a question and his refusal came in the form of a letter. A question by a General Zionist member as to the visit of Mr. Namir to President Truman, without the knowledge of our ambassador in Washington, was handed by the Speaker to the Foreign Minister. Instead of answering the question in the Knesset — and there are ways of answering without divulging information or even taking a stand on the issue — the Foreign Minister replied in a letter to the member that he would not answer.

This incident has important implications in a House where tradition is young, where the opposition has been unable to take a stand against the administration and where every incident tends to become a precedent. Surely no Minister should evade the issue and belittle the importance of our parliament by refusing to answer questions which have been put to him.

THEATRE NOTES

Rediscovering Spain

"THE CITADEL" A drama in three acts by Emanuel Robles. Directed by Zvi Friedland. Setting by Genia Berger.

WHEN the Habimah chose a second play by Emanuel Robels, within a few seasons, they inevitably threw themselves open to comparisons. Monserrat was one of the finest productions which the Habimah has done in a great many years. It had an intensity and a clean cut austerity which is not often achieved in a theatrical production.

Harold Clurman, who directed the play, is one of the finest directors of our day. He has originality and courage, which were manifest in every phase of Monserrat. The setting of Mokady remains with one, as a picture of lovely lines in beautifully balanced greys with splotches of brilliant red.

The Citadel as a play in no way measures up to Robel's previous play. Like Monserrat it is a drama of cruelty and violence in which the individuals emerge as human beings who are both good and evil. The good influences the evil, but goes down to physical defeat, while the triumphant evil suffers a spiritual debacle. This must be poor consolation for the garotted, but it does make good sermonic material, if not always a good play.

Napoleonic Era

The scene of The Citadel is laid at the time of the Napoleonic invasion of Spain. Some of the liberal ideas of the era have percolated through to Juarez, the officer defending the Citadel, but his commander General Enriko is a staunch monarchist. The General, knowing that the Citadel cannot be held, puts Juarez in command, thus liquidating a personal enemy and destroying a proponent of liberal thought. Juarez, understanding full well the intentions of his superior officer, confesses to treason in defending the bastion, in order to save Spain from civil strife in its own camp. The plot emerges through a cloud of talk and argument with a number of super-imposed plots and romances to keep the argument alive.

(Incidentally, it occurs to me that the Habimah has been prominent in the re-discovery of Spain, which has become so fashionable in the past year or so. Spanish styles are featured in the well-dressed world. Spain is an inexpensive country of travel and romance is being advertised and there have been at least four plays by Spaniards or on Spanish subjects at the Habimah. This is not a protest—only a comment).

The production of The Citadel is in no way distinguished. No one really seemed to have his heart in the matter. The acting was not good and not bad. The setting seemed a bit top-heavy and overwhelming.

Nahum Buchman played the part of Juarez. In his final scene he was moving and dramatic. General Don Enriko was played by Aharon Meskin. Hannah Rovinah played Manuella the wife of Juarez. Other parts were played by Yehoshua Bertonoff, Pnina Perach, Shlomo Bruck, Yehudah Efroni, Yithak Bruckmayer, Shmuel Rodensky, and Michael Asherov. The direction was by Zvi Friedland, the design by Genia Berger. The Hebrew translation was by Menasha Levin.

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MUSICAL DIARY

AN all-Mendelssohn programme, conducted by Karel Salomon, was offered in Kol Yisrael's Tuesday night concert. The opening with the overture to Victor Hugo's "Ruy Blas" was less satisfying than the finale, the "Italian" Symphony No.4, which received a dynamic and vivid performance.

Twelve years old Hana Vered, who was soloist in the Second Piano Concerto in D minor, proved her unusual talent by a mature touch, remarkable technique and lyrical feeling in the "Song without Words" cantilena of this romantic piece.

FRANGO

Duo — Sonatas

In the series of Histadrut-sponsored chamber concerts at Haifa's Beitenu on Saturday evening Rafael Marcus (violin) and Walter Levy, (piano) played sonatas by Mozart, Brahms, Hindemith and Debussy. The performance was outstanding for the excellent ensemble and balance which was maintained throughout. In the Mozart sonata F major (K 377) the first movement was rather too brisk in attack and too fast, but the Allegretto con variazioni and Tempo di Minuetto were played with fine detail and shading.

The Brahms (OP. 78 in G) showed a warm sensitive musicianship with all the contrasts of the movements well brought out. In both the hindemith (an early work of this composer) and Debussy sonatas the atmosphere of the music was admirably captured, in the delicacy of the second movement of the former work and the polished sparkle of the latter.

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Readers' Letters

GOVERNMENT CARS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Recently I read that the Swiss President travels by bus to his office every morning, and that the Swiss Government has only a limited number of cars at its disposal. On May 2, I read the following announcement in your paper: "Ministry of Finance, Accountant General Jerusalem. Tenders are hereby invited from Israel or foreign insurance Companies for the comprehensive insurance of almost 400 private vehicles belonging to essential workers in the Israel Government." This means that 400 officials in our Government have their own cars. The cars must have come under official distribution because there are very few officials who can afford to buy cars on the open market.

All this at a time when doctors are still waiting for the 40 cars which Government promised them, six Kupat Holim doctors in the Sharon having been waiting for several years for one jeep. In the meantime they are forced to pay their visits, rain or shine, on foot, in donkey cart and in case of great urgency by taxi for which they often have to wait hours.

I believe that the State Comptroller — or perhaps the Knesset Finance Committee — should inquire more carefully into the need for 400 cars for Government workers.

Yours etc.,
K.J.V.

Jerusalem, May 19.

ART NOTES

Legion of Honour

THE Bezalel Museum celebrated the 150th birthday of the French Legion d'Honneur with an exquisite small exhibition, featuring a complete set of knights' crosses from 1802 to 1952. To study the subtle changes in the decoration over a century and a half is most instructive. While the basic design of the five-pointed star was never abandoned, workmanship and decorative treatment underwent such modifications that the individual decorations are unmistakable products of the First or Second Empire, the Eighties or our time.

It was a pleasant surprise and the highlight of the opening ceremony when M. Neuville, French Minister and Consul General, conferred the Croix du Chevalier on M. Narkiss, Director of the Museum, in acknowledgement of the merits of this pioneer of French Art and Culture in Israel.

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COUNTER-CURRENTS IN BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY

Labour Rocks 'Bi-Partisan' Boat

By SEBASTIAN HAFFNER

LONDON. —

WHEN the National Executive of the British Labour Party recently issued a statement which, in effect, opposed the completion at the present time of the European Defence Community and the treaties with Germany, there was anxiety that this meant a real break by the Labour Party with the foreign policy it had pursued when in office, and the end of the bipartisan foreign policy which has prevailed in Britain since the end of the war.

Such an event would obviously be of very great international importance. It is true that for the time being the British Labour Party is in opposition and new elections are not impending in Britain. Labour opposition could not, for instance, prevent the ratification of the German Treaties and of the British Guarantee to E.D.C., when it comes up in Parliament this summer. But if Labour were really to put itself into serious official opposition to Britain's foreign policy, this would mean that this policy would be liable to be reversed as soon as Labour comes back into office, as it is almost bound to do sooner or later. It would, therefore, greatly weaken any commitments which Britain were to undertake, because all these commitments would have the threat of repudiation by a future Labour Government hanging over them like a Sword of Damocles.

Party and Policy

Nothing could reduce the influence of Britain in international affairs more than a development which made the direction of her major foreign policy a subject of unrestrained party strife; and such a cancelling-out of British influence would have disastrous consequences for the free world as a whole. For Britain, though no longer the mainspring of strength of the Western world, is still its chief diplomatic junction and coordination centre — the point where the affairs of America, Europe, the Commonwealth and the Middle East intersect.

The Parliamentary foreign affairs debate last week was therefore awaited with more than usual interest; for it was bound to bring a clarification of Labour's attitude and of the prospects for a continued bipartisanism in foreign policy. On a superficial reading, this debate had a happy ending. The Labour Party did not divide the House, and Mr. Clement Attlee, while not exactly repudiating the statement of the National Executive, succeeded with his inimitable dry blandness in taking the sting out of it and reducing it to the level of a harmless and non-committal contribution to general debate, a "suggestion", such as "every-body is entitled to make".

On the face of it, therefore, peace is restored; and the bipartisan nature of British foreign policy is undisturbed. Moreover, it is now quite clear that Mr. Attlee and his last Foreign Secretary Mr. Herbert Morrison, sincerely wish to maintain the continuity of British foreign policy and a broad national unity in international affairs, and that in this wish they have a large body of opinion in their Party behind them.

Bevan's School

But it would be over-optimistic to pretend that this is the whole picture. The disturbing incident of the National Executive statement remains on record, and the debate itself — in which Mr. Aneurin Bevan made a speech markedly different in tone and temper from Mr. Attlee's — showed that there remains definite counter-current in the Labour Party, a school of thought which positively wants to end the bipartisan approach to foreign policy.

As far as Mr. Bevan himself is concerned, his chief reasons for this wish hardly lie in the field of foreign affairs itself. His speech did not betray deep study or strong convictions on the actual matter under debate — the present European situation and the impending treaties with Germany. It may be admitted that Mr. Bevan aspires to a general philosophy on foreign affairs different from that prevailing in the Foreign Office; and that, in the broadest terms of political world strategy, he would like to give economic aid and development plans priority over rearmament. But on this, differences of opinion and emphasis are quite possible without leading necessarily to disagreement and conflict over the practical decisions of foreign policy, so few of which flow directly from first principles and general aspirations.

Mr. Bevan's real motive for wanting to break "bipartisanism" in foreign policy appears to lie in home politics. Believing that Labour will profit most from out-and-out opposition and violent party conflict, he feels that any exception to these tactics, any limited agreement with the Conservative Government, is undesirable.

Anti-German Groups

This attitude as such commands at present only minority support in the Labour Party, but the minority may easily swell into a majority over any matter where it is reinforced by other special groups of minority opinion. On the German question, the National Executive statement was apparently secured by a coalescing of general "Bevanism" or "oppositionism" with special pacifist and anti-German groups, and possibly also with some fellow-travellers, as well as by a momentary weakening of alertness on the part of the orthodox leadership. Even if this incident is satisfactorily closed — and one cannot be sure to have heard the last of it — a certain danger remains that similar *ad hoc* coalitions on other matters may sway opinion in the Labour Party from time to time; and it follows that the continuity of Labour's foreign policy must henceforth be regarded as somewhat shaky.

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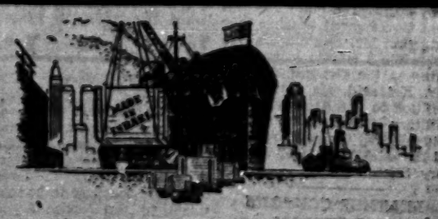
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